

Sweeping Reduction!

In all grades of

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES!

Jewelry, Silverware, and all Fancy Goods.

We have too many goods on hand, and if low prices will be an inducement to buyers, we are determined to dispose of them.

Do not buy ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH of goods in our line until you have seen our stock and prices.

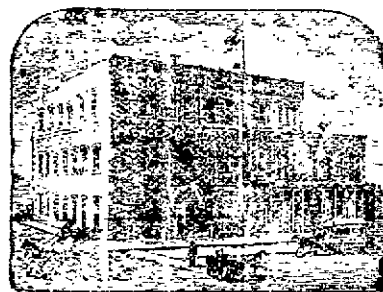
W. R. ABBOTT & CO.,

JEWELERS.

Tongaline

NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM AND NERVOUS HEADACHE
TONGALINE is a product of the Tonga or Friendly Islands, where it has long been used as a valuable remedy for the above ailments. It is a powerful analgesic and antispasmodic, and is especially adapted for the treatment of neuralgia, rheumatism, and nervous headache. It is also useful in cases of indigestion, flatulence, and other disorders of the digestive system. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is recommended by all the leading medical authorities.

FREE BUS,



PALACE HOTEL.

143 and 153 S. Main St.

Decatur, Illinois.

Entirely remodeled and refitted. It is now one of the most thoroughly equipped hotels in this section of the State. Large comfortable rooms, with new and elegant furniture. No pains will be spared to make guests comfortable and to feel at home.

RATES: \$1.50 to \$2.00 Per Day

A Free Bus will be run to all trains. The attention of Traveling Men is called to our accommodations. Special rates to theatrical Companies.

N. LAUX, Proprietor.

Mt. Olive Coal!

Is the Best Soft Coal in this part of the State because it is very free from slate and sulphur and makes

NO CLINKER

either in stoves or open grates. For the present I am selling this coal at \$2.00 per ton at my yard, and \$2.25 per ton delivered to any part of the city. Strictly for Cash.

R. MCLELLAND

FOX'S

BOOK OF MARTYRS. This book contains the names of the many brave men who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and justice. It is a valuable addition to every library, and is especially recommended for schools and churches.

ARTHROROSIS gives health to Rheumatism sufferers when a most skillful physician has been unable to help.

Read the testimony of one of its sufferers. David Little, Sumner, Bonner Co., Iowa, writes:

"I am past 70 years of age, have had the Rheumatism three years and eight months. I could not walk, could not sleep, nerves shattered, I was in my hands, wrists, knees and feet. I was unable to do any work. I tried many remedies, but nothing helped. I then tried Fox's Little Liver Pills, and after taking a few boxes I was able to walk and sleep. I am now as well as ever, and I can do all my usual work. I am a great debtor to Fox's Little Liver Pills."

ATHLOROSIS CO., 112 WALL ST., NEW YORK.



CURE SICK HEAD

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Headache, Distress after eating, Pains in the Side, etc. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

Headache, they are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

Headache, they would be a most valuable remedy to those who suffer from this common ailment. They are a safe and reliable remedy, and are recommended by all the leading medical authorities.

ACHIEVE THE CURE

Dissolution Notice.

THE firm of Close, Griswold & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent. J. A. Close, formerly a partner in the firm, has withdrawn, and the business will be continued by C. L. Griswold and J. H. Lewis. The firm of Close, Griswold & Co. was organized on January 1, 1884, and has since that time been engaged in the business of selling and distributing goods. The firm has a large and extensive stock of goods, and is prepared to sell at the lowest prices. The firm is located at 112 Wall Street, New York.

A DAY IN CONGRESS.

Debate in the Senate on the Proclamation, Timber-Culture and Desert Land Acts.

Senator Vest Assails Senator Palmer—The Amendment Repealing the Laws Passed.

The House Makes Considerable Progress in Discussing the Post-Office Bill.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Chair yesterday morning laid before the Senate the House's current resolution providing for a joint committee of three members of the House of Representatives and two Senators to notify Grover Cleveland of his election as President of the United States from the 4th of March next, and to notify Thomas A. Hendricks of his election as Vice-President from the same date. On motion of Mr. Garland, it was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Gar and said the philosophy of the resolution needed looking at.

The Senate passed the original joint resolution authorizing the President to return to the Government of Great Britain the steamer Albatross, with the thanks of the United States.

The resolution offered yesterday by Messrs. Hughes and Hoar, relating to the Electoral count, was on motion of Mr. Hoar, referred without comment to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A resolution offered by Mr. Sherman was agreed to, authorizing the President of the Senate to appoint a committee of three Senators to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect.

The bill to quiet the titles of the Des Moines River valley was taken up, but at one o'clock was dropped by the bill, pending the Proclamation and Timber-Culture laws.

A sectional occurred in the discussion of the bill when Senator Palmer was confronted with the question that an amendment in the form of a bill introduced by him was in the interest of a syndicate of land speculators. The riposte was made by Senator Vest, introduced a letter from a gentleman living in Iowa, in which he stated that the bill introduced by Mr. Palmer was in the interest of a syndicate of land speculators.

With no personal knowledge of the facts, Mr. Vest refused to withdraw the amendment, and a sectional arose at once. In reply to the question of Mr. Sherman, Mr. Vest said that he had no personal knowledge of the facts, and that he was not a member of the syndicate.

Senator Palmer's amendment was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—When the House met yesterday morning it was ordered that on and after Monday next, the House meet at eleven o'clock. The Senate then turned to the consideration of the bill to amend the laws relating to the Proclamation and Timber-Culture Acts.

The bill was taken up, and Mr. Sherman introduced an amendment to the bill, providing for the repeal of the laws relating to the Proclamation and Timber-Culture Acts.

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OUR NEW SERIALS STORY IS DELAYED.

It will appear in the DAILY REVIEW at an early date.

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LIKE RATS IN A HOLE.

Nine Workmen Overcome by Gas in a Chicago Sewer, Five of Them Die.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Nine men working in the Kinzie street sewer were overcome by gas yesterday afternoon. Four were taken out alive through the man-hole at the Union street crossing. The rest perished. The sewer became clogged a week ago and yesterday morning eleven men were sent to clean it. Nine men entered it at the Green street crossing. John McNamara and James O'Meara, the two men left above, proceeded to the man-hole at Union street and opened it. The men below were slow in coming through the sewer. McNamara became anxious and put his head in the hole. He heard a cry for help a moment after. Then several of the men appeared below the man-hole and called for the ladder. McNamara cried out that the men were being stopped by gas, and that they should put the ladder down. None of the men could climb up. O'Meara went down with a rope. He tied it to one of the men and gave the signal to pull up. The gas was very dense, and O'Meara could only remain long enough to save two men.

Another man went down, and sent up three men, two of whom were dead. By this time the gas was nearly gone, and no difficulty was experienced in recovering the four men who had taken the ladder. Of these two were dead when taken out and a third died soon afterward. The names of the five dead men are: Michael Lash, Joseph G. Lash, George, Daniel Curtis and John Lash. The last two leave a wife and five children each.

George Curran was one of the men rescued. He is an intelligent young fellow, twenty-three years of age. I don't know what the gas was, he said. I had been past Union street in the morning, and the air was good. The men were pulling the debris by a rope. The first I knew of the gas I heard a splash and saw one man and O'Meara's head. He was a fine fellow and his children name was Lash. Then I became dizzy and I fell in. The man-hole. Some of the men fell. There was about a foot of water in the sewer. I was unconscious when I got out and came to in the saloon.

The men who are alive have all been very sick since coming out of the sewer, and are troubled with pains in the head. The sudden appearance of the gas is a mystery. Curran says all the men had precautions taken, and that all the man-holes were open. It may have been caused by a sudden leak in a gas-main. The inquest will be held to-day.

RAISED AT LAST.

All Railroads Entering Chicago Once More Ready for Business—Cost of the Blockade—Snow in the South.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—All the railroads were declared open yesterday and ready for business, at least so far as relates to passenger traffic. Few of them will be in condition to handle any great amount of freight before next week. Every line got passenger trains into the city yesterday and started out nearly the usual number. The cost of the storm to the Chicago roads is variously estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000. One general traffic manager said yesterday it would be within bounds to estimate the expenditure as equal to the profits of all the roads since January 1.

Yesterday morning's mail comprised 232 packages of letters and aggregated 200,000 articles, or about three times as much mail as is ordinarily handled in the post-office during the morning. The mails departed last night on scheduled time.

Dispatches from various points South indicate unusually heavy snow-falls. At Columbus, Duck Hill and Macon, Miss., there was a fall of nine inches, the heaviest ever known at these places, while at Montgomery, Talladega, Tuscaloosa and Shreveport, La., the storm was also very severe. At Vicksburg trains were delayed yesterday. Two inches of snow fell at Columbus Ga. yesterday.

WARD INDICTED IN ANOTHER CHARGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The United States Grand Jury brought in another indictment yesterday against Ferdinand Ward, former partner of General Grant, for crookedness in connection with the Marine Bank. The court issued another bench warrant for Ward. The latter is still in the Ludlow Street Jail under another indictment.

CRUSHED BY FALLING EARTH.

TOLEDO, Feb. 13.—While a gang of men were engaged removing a bank of earth in East Toledo, yesterday, it caved in, burying and killing one of the workmen, Joseph Mahoney, and badly injuring William Farman. Mahoney was fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and seven children.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT OHIOAN.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 13.—Hon. Julius J. Wood died yesterday. He was an intimate friend of Horace Greeley, Thurlow Weed and W. H. Seward, of New York, and in Ohio labored with Denison, Brough and Chase.

PARDONED BY THE PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Eugene A. Thoma, who some years ago embezzled \$4,000 from the Internal Revenue office here, which amount was returned by his bondsmen, has received from President Arthur an unconditional pardon.

Great Bankrupt Clothing Sale

OF

J. R. RACE & CO.

Five-dollar Men's Overcoats reduced to \$2.50; Seven-dollar Men's Overcoats reduced to \$4.00; Eight-dollar Men's Overcoats to \$5.00; Twelve-dollar Men's Overcoats reduced to \$8. Eight-dollar Men's Suits reduced to \$5; Ten-dollar Men's Suits reduced to \$7; Fourteen-dollar Men's Suits reduced to \$10.



On March 7

We have Our

Annual Drawing.

This year it is LARGER THAN EVER BEFORE, DIVIDED into FIFTY-SEVEN PRIZES. Come in and buy Five Dollars' Worth of Merchandise from us and we will present you with a ticket. Call and see us and you will be convinced that we are the LEADING CLOTHIERS, HATTERS and GENTS' FURNISHERS in Central Illinois.

J. R. RACE & CO.

129 & 135 Water St., Decatur, Ill.

Embroideries and White Goods.

We will put on sale Monday morning complete and full lines of new and choice selections at lower prices than ever known. Inspection solicited.

S. C. HATCH & BRO.,

142 EAST MAIN Street, Power Block.

THE REVIEW

SATURDAY, FEB. 14, 1885.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Valentine's day.
Don't miss seeing Lotta to-night.
Dry stove wood at Geo. Ehrhart's, 184.
Lotta to night as "Mam'zelle Nitouche."
This has been a hard week for railroad men.
Buy all-wool flannel waists at B. Stine's, 46-47.
Choice bulk and canned oysters at Wood Bros', 46-47.
It was several degrees below zero yesterday morning.
The I. B. & W. employes have been paid for January.
All-wool red flannel drawers, at B. Stine's, 75 cents a pair, 46-47.
The people who send comic valentines are "cranks," most always.
The Illinois Central tracks are now clear of snow from Chicago to Cairo.
Fresh pies, cakes, rolls, etc., at Leffingwell's old stand, 112-114-116.
Smoke Harper's Bazar cigars, at Peck & Co.'s, 235 Opera Block, 125-127-129.
There was a wonderful and fearful security of thrilling, exciting items yesterday.
Police Captain Hewes has been on the sick list several days, but is improving.
Honey—nice as can be, and pure maple sugar at Peck & Co., 235 North Water street.
Gents' smoking jackets, the latest novelties for Christmas presents, at B. Stine's, 46-47.
All kinds of coal and wood at F. D. Caldwell's, Telephone Nos. 47 and 306, Jan 23-24.
Novelties in gents' smoking jackets just received for Christmas presents, at B. Stine's, 46-47.
There was another large and successful meeting at the First M. E. church last evening.
Orders for Pana coal, both lump and nut, promptly delivered by F. D. Caldwell, 123-125.
Farmers, take your poultry, butter and eggs to F. D. Peck & Co., 235 Opera block, 125-127-129.
Try a load of Pana coal, there is no better in the market. Sold only by F. D. Caldwell, 123-125.
George W. Ehrhart's coal yard and office is north of Shellabarger's mill, on Water street, 116-118.
Combs & Inman spread the best 25 cent meal in Decatur, at 136 South Main street, feb 12-13-14-15.
Pana coal takes the lead, there is no better in the market. Sold only by F. D. Caldwell, 123-125.
John Quinn and Mrs. Clara D. McChesney, of Macon, were married yesterday.
Mike McChesney pleaded guilty yesterday to selling liquor on Sunday and was fined \$25 and costs.
All the best brands of cigars at Combs & Inman's restaurant, 136 South Main street, feb 12-13-14-15.
It will not take the post-office clerks and mail carriers long to tumble to the fact that this is Valentine's day.
Reports from various parts of the country as to the effect that stock suffered severely during the late cold spell.
Dr. C. A. McLean has removed his office over J. T. Hubbard's drug store, composite Shellabarger's mill, 112-114-116.
Poe's Mexican Am-His Soap works are running full time and manufacturing toilet soap from the Fairmount root.
Canned and bulk oysters and fresh celery at P. Rueschman & Co., at their new store next to Millman's Bank, 111-113.
Bread is the stuff of life. You can get the best made in Decatur at Leffingwell's old stand, 136 South Main street, feb 12-13-14-15.
Leave orders at the St. Nicholas hotel for the Citizens' baggage wagon. All calls promptly attended to. Telephone No. 45, 11-13.
The state labor convention was still in session yesterday at Springfield. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting in this city.
A young man named Kinney, who was fined to the tune of \$25 and costs for taking a hand in a row at No. 2 hose house, paid out yesterday.
Crestmont Bros still continue to feed the hungry at their residence on North Water street, just the same as if Decatur had got the state fair.
If we can't have the state fair there is not a thing on earth to prevent us from hustling around and having a first-class county fair.
They talk of gents' and ladies' \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes. Why, J. H. Black & Son have equally as good for \$2.25 and \$2.50. Look at them and judge for yourself.
REMEMBER J. W. BAKER'S NEW SHOE STORE ON MERCHANT STREET, BETWEEN LYONS' GROCERY AND COLE'S DRUG STORE, 184-186.
St. Valentine's day, next Saturday, will be celebrated at J. H. Black & Son's foot and shoe store. We will give special prizes and a Valentine to a victor on that day, 112-114-116.
L. L. Ferriss has been in the shoe business in Decatur over 20 years. L. L. Ferriss & Co. turn their stock over all five times a year in a year. That's why they are leaders in low prices and good goods. Quality and profit is their motto.

The Illinois Central train from the north due here at 1:35 p. m. and if more comes late not to be.
I. B. & W. employes, the Merchant street grocers, dry and toast their own coffee fresh every day, 112-114-116.
For a good meal or first-class lunch, day or evening, go to H. Singleton's, west side old square, feb 12-13-14-15.
Railroad travel will not improve until people are positive that trains are running on time and that the snow banks have thawed out.
The total earnings of the Wabash for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, were \$16,696,380, a decrease of \$121,083 as compared with the previous year.
Washington's birthday is the next legal holiday and will be more generally observed by the closing of stores than ever before. It falls on Sunday.
Judge Greer has appointed Henry McClellan and I. W. Earman, commissioners, to make a recount of the ballots cast for coroner at the late election.
Talk about cheap shoes! Why J. H. Black & Son, in Powers' block, have ladies' and gents' button lace and congress shoes for \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25, 112-114-116.
An exchange says that a folded newspaper placed under the coat in the small of the back is an excellent substitute for an overcoat. Now is the time to subscribe.
The Masonic school of instruction will meet in Champaign, on the 24th inst. A large number of the brethren from different parts of the country will be in attendance.
REMEMBER J. W. BAKER'S NEW SHOE STORE ON MERCHANT STREET, BETWEEN LYONS' GROCERY AND COLE'S DRUG STORE, 184-186.
Refrigerators are still being held by Rev. Vostburgh at the Baptist church with great success. His sermons have been highly commended by those in attendance at the meetings.
According to an old tradition this is the day on which birds mate for the year, so if you see an English sparrow convention on every corner you may guess at the proceedings.
In some parts of the state it is reported that quail have been completely exterminated by the severity of the winter. Five years ago they were frozen to death in great numbers.
The young men of Springfield are about to hold a meeting with a view to organizing a base-ball club for the coming season. They believe that city can and will support a first class club.
Fred Smith had better begin looking to his laurels and crossing palms with his supporters a few days earlier than usual. It is rumored that Joseph Abbott is in the field for assessor.
Rev. Gibb will deliver an address at the Knights of Pythias hall at half past three o'clock to-morrow for the good of the order, and all members, their families and friends should be present.
A Mrs. Taylor who had considerable on foot to reduce the tone of her hair, this direct blow against the welfare of a large portion of our population, must meet with a stern protest.
Lohman & Bolen, successors to Wm. Neidermeyer, have completed the painting and put up of the new building addition to their already complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, feb 12-13-14-15.
The leading restaurant of Decatur is located at 136 South Main street. Ample accommodations and well filled tables combine to make it the most popular place in the city for families and individuals to go for meals. Combs & Inman, proprietors, feb 12-13-14-15.
It is said that Governor Oglesby is being besieged by general government officials who are expecting soon to be relieved and who intend to come back to Illinois for shelter under republican rule. Uncle Dick has good reasons for regretting the democratic enmity.
The Illinois Central will run a through train of Pullman sleepers to New Orleans Saturday, February 14, leaving Decatur at 5:45 p. m., and arriving at New Orleans Monday morning at 7. This will be the last through train leaving Decatur in time to see the Mardi Gras, the 17th of February.
A bill is pending before the legislature now making it unlawful to use a seine in the creeks. It should be made a penalty to seine at all in any river. What is the use of the fish commissioners supplying the rivers with the funny tribe if seines are allowed to be used? Every sportsman will recognize the justice of such a measure and should do all in his power to make it become a law.
The first number of "The Illinois Railroader," a semi-monthly paper devoted to railway matters, made its appearance yesterday. The editor and publisher, J. L. Chilson, says in his salutatory, "The Illinois Railroader is born with a silver spoon in its mouth." That may be so and we hope the editor will not be forced to the painful realization that "things haven't a ways as they seem." Probably the spoon is plated and the body metal is nothing more than iron.

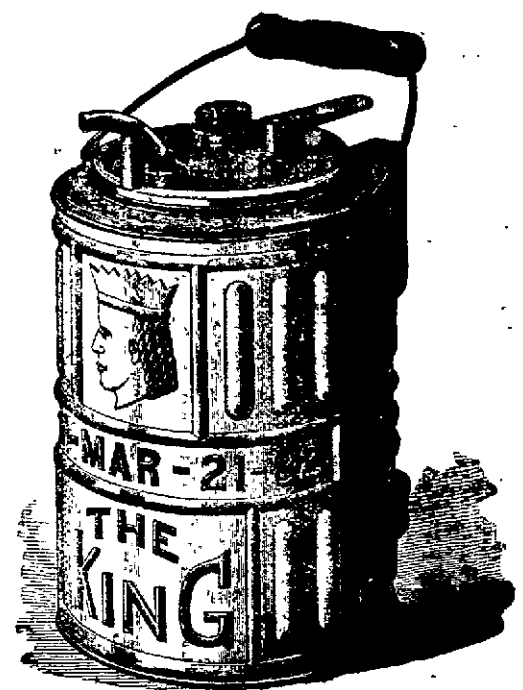
Several cases of stock on the Wabash, the Central and the Chicago & North Western, and a great deal of trouble was experienced in placing them.
The Wabash trains from Toledo and Chicago were less than half late yesterday afternoon. Ordinarily the travelers could have kicked, but yesterday they were well satisfied it was no worse.
There were a number of weary passengers at the depot last night awaiting the Central train south, which was five or six hours late. The delay was occasioned by the engine breaking down at Clinton.
The Home Circle club was entertained last evening by Miss Cora Chambers at her parents' residence on College Hill. Music and dancing formed the programme for the evening. A fine supper was served for the guests.
The society dudes occasionally get on a high horse intellectually, and wonder why the young ladies can never talk sense. I never enters their empty heads that the girls are sharp enough to know who and what they are talking to.
The members and friends of Couderdean lodge of Knights of Pythias will hold a meeting at their hall at the corner of North Main and West William streets on Sunday, Rev. S. F. Gibb will deliver a lecture appropriate to the occasion. Friends are invited.
A number of newspapers are working up a new scheme to get subscribers and money. To any one who will name the seven members of the coming cabinet of President Cleveland and they offer a purse of a hundred dollars, providing a dollar is sent to the office with the names.
The spectacle of a thousand men and twenty locomotives working for a month in the vain endeavor to excavate a train from a snow-bank in Oregon, suggests that nature some times is greater than the power of railroad monopolies. Our railroad boys think they have rough times but their trials are nothing compared with the case referred to.
E. P. Row in the installment of his great story "An Original Belle," in The Current of February 14, brings a new character in the field, who increases the interest of the narrative. He is a man who is both northern and southern in sympathy, and the ability of the novelist to deal with such a character, as a figure of the war period, will be severely tested.
There is a peculiar and troublesome but apparently harmless disease existing in this city at present, and many people have become afflicted. It is nothing more than a torturing, itching sensation which nearly sets the victim beside themselves. Many cases are reported and among them that of Ben Boynton.
It may be a little early for such an announcement, but fortune has been made, or at least the foundation for the forelock. What we want to do is that we are prepared to furnish the hardware and cheap stock and sale bills ever printed in this section. Owners of horses will please make a note of this, and call and see specimens.
Editor Burnett, of the Cairo Bulletin, is on the war path, and looking for the man who sold him a postcard claiming it to be his day. He died his mistake with it to make it black, but instead of red, then afterwards faded out to a sort of purple hue. The editor now goes armed with a loaded shot gun, looking for the man who played the joke on him.
We have just received from the publisher a handy little volume on "Gaskell's Hand-book of Useful Information." It contains calculations, trade secrets, rules, business forms, legal items, and statistical tables of practical value to mechanics, farmers, lumber men and bankers. It is nicely gotten up, and will be sent to any address by mail, sent paid, on receipt of 25 cents, by Geo. W. Orrville, publisher, 230 Lake street, Chicago, Ill.
William Riley Jackson, a young man who has frequently figured in police circles in this city, is now in jail at Bloomington for murdering Richard Parr, at Danvers, Jackson went to Parr's house as his guest for supper, both men being intoxicated or under the influence of liquor. While eating he commenced loading a saw revolver and when Parr asked him to put it up a scuffle ensued which ended by Jackson shooting his host, who lived but a few days after the affair.
A Kansas City editor has just patented a pair of triple shears. It is an instrument with three sets of blades, two of which, when properly manipulated, will adapt themselves to the columns of any newspaper, and cut both sides, while the third set will chop the clippings out at the proper place. The instrument is designed for such weather as we have experienced for the last two weeks, when news items were and are difficult to obtain. If a paste pot could be attached the invention would be complete.
There was a big sale of seats yesterday for the appearance of Lotta in Mam'zelle Nitouche, this evening, and the prospects are that she will be greeted with a good house. This is as it should be and speaks well for the taste of the amusement loving people of Decatur. Manager Haines has had no opportunity of advertising the attraction, than through the newspapers, as the wall posters and lithographs failed to get here in time. Had the lithographs come few of them could have been displayed on account of the frosted windows. However the mere announcement of the engagement of this famous artist was sufficient to insure a crowd at home. Lotta will disappoint no one. From here she will go to St. Louis to play a week's engagement.

Little Lincoln, up the P. D. & E. is strutting her shapely girth in its annual excursion to secure the location of the Durfee land works. The company employs six hundred men and asks no bonus whatever. Their chief requirement is a growing district and water absolutely free from sediment. Lincoln will make another effort and burst her girth, and then Decatur will step in and secure the prize.
An exchange bears down up on us with the startling information that all peach buds have been destroyed by the late cold spell, and there will be no crop of that fruit this season. Suckers may believe that story, but we won't. It is the same one that has gone the rounds of the press for the past ten years, and the writer of the item has no more idea of the condition of the crop than Bart Kaut has of who will form Cleveland's cabinet.
Failure of a Hardware Dealer.
A voluntary assignment was made yesterday by Mr. R. W. Weld, the hardware dealer on East Main street, the assignee being Mr. S. G. Hatch but Sheriff Foster took possession of the stock previous to the filing of the assignment papers. The sheriff holds executions in the sum of \$7,073.22, based on confession made Thursday evening by Mr. Weld as follows: Mary B. Wells \$4,737.11; Lottie A. Wells, \$350.22; Francis W. Danielson, \$500.91; William F. Wells, \$497.31; Levi J. Wells, \$777.61. Mr. Weld has been in business at the present stand for two years, the senior partner of the firm having been Mr. Cushing, who retired a few months ago, and was succeeded by Mr. Barton, who recently retired and since then Mr. Weld has conducted the business alone. The stock is valued at five thousand dollars, and the exact amount of the liabilities is not known. The failure is to be regretted, and Mr. Weld's friends hope to see him surmount his present difficulties.
Skating Exhibition.
The next skating attraction at the rink will be on Monday evening the 16th, when Messrs. Block and Shurt will appear in double scientific and fancy solo skating. These are the two young men who recently challenged Boynton and Gentry to skate for the championship, either in this city or Springfield. Music will be in attendance and the usual admission will be charged. 11-14-15.
Pay and Look Pleasant.
Property owners of Decatur township and city are reminded that all taxes for 1884 are now long since due, and should be paid immediately as the time allotted for collection is drawing to a close. My office is over Gorin, Dawson & Co.'s bank on Merchant street. Call without further delay and pay your taxes. C. C. RADCLIFF, Collector, feb 14-15.
Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah.
For the Bee-hive grocery store No. 150 Merchant street, kept by Lehman & Sober, and get rates on groceries. We assure the natives on our goods and in fact on all other cheap goods. Don't fail to call. There is no reason why you should not have the best in the land when you can get them so low. 11-13-14-15.
Underwear.
La. es, Men's, Misses' and Children's in almost complete assortment from 25 cents upwards, all sizes and full stock to select from.
Big 18
The Enterprise
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John Stumpf of Palmer, is in the city on business.
A. Culp has about recovered from an attack of the fever.
Ticket Agent Baker of the Wabash is suffering with a severe cold.
Mr. S. Pye, live stock agent for the Wabash, was in the city yesterday.
Rev. J. J. Dugan, of Illinois, was in the city yesterday, attending the Methodist revival.
Engineer Knight still lingers in a dangerous condition, but his friends are hopeful of his recovery.
Owen Scott, of the Bloomington Bulletin, is mentioned as a candidate for the post office at the Evergreen City.
Miss Laura Mahannah, who is teaching school at Maroa, came home last evening to spend Sunday with her parents.
Ed. Vigus, formerly of this city, but lately traveling with theatrical companies, is here on a short visit to his friends.
Mrs. M. L. Jain and son, Cort, went to Lincolnfield yesterday afternoon, where they gave a literary entertainment last evening.
Captain Henry Elwood, of the Guards, left last night for New Orleans to visit the Exposition and great Mardi Gras carnival.
E. A. Gastman delivered an address to the Montgomery county teachers at Nokomis last evening, and will return home to day.
Dr. W. A. Barnes went to Boston last evening to visit his sons, Will and Charles. The former will soon graduate as a full fledged M. D.
C. C. Burroughs, of the Union Iron works, is in the city for a brief stay. His home is Kansas City, where he is engaged working up business for the Iron Works.
Prof. H. S. DeSollar is home from Chicago. He went up last Saturday and intended to be home Monday morning, but couldn't get here on account of being snow bound.
Amos Howenstein writes Bro. Smith of the Sentinel a letter from Jacksonville this week, which appears in this week's issue. He closes by saying: "We are delightfully situated here—have church services, concerts; have courteous and considerate officials, in fact everything to make time pass pleasantly."
An Opinion on the State Fair.
The Springfield Monitor of yesterday contained the following editorial opinion on the action of the state board of agriculture in locating the state fair at Chicago. It is a plain, truthful statement of facts and will be read with appreciation by all unprejudiced citizens who recognize the injustice of putting the fair in the extreme end of the state. Here is the Monitor's opinion of the matter: "Now that the state fair has become a Chicago institution, what need of the state granting further aid to it? Let Chicago have it and pay the expense of maintaining it. The state fair at Chicago may be a good thing for the people of Minnesota and Michigan, but of little use to the people of the state of Illinois, to exhibit their agricultural products. The agricultural belt is not in Chicago or immediately surrounding it, but the majority of the membership of the board is, and here exists the great evil. The state board of agriculture is composed of a member from each congressional district in the state, Chicago under the rule has four members with an equal number from the country immediately surrounding it. Of the ten votes cast for Chicago, it is an easy matter to see from whence they come, and that the average cost for Decatur represent three-fourths of the agricultural area of the state, is apparent without the aid of spectacles. How many from the south half of the state will travel the great distance to see the exhibit that may be made at Chicago? We venture to say a very few, and that none from the south quarter of the state. Decatur is a thriving and enterprising town, centrally located, and her people were present with the necessary band to meet the requirements of the state board. If the state fair is to be a fair and an encouragement to agriculturists, why was not this place designated as the location? It is easy of access from all over the state, and if submitted to a vote of the people, would be the choice by a large majority. Nothing could be said against the place, and Decatur lost the honor not on account of any fault or disadvantage she possessed, but because of selfish men with selfish aims. It is not about time the agriculturists—the great tax payers—of the state were crying out against this hanging of the state fair up to the edge of a great commonwealth? Is there any just cause why it should not topple and fall as at present conducted?"
To the Working Men of Decatur.
COMRADES:—Are you aware of the fact that spring time is fast approaching, and with it the matter of the election of some of our city officers? Shall we still plod indifferently and silently along until the day of balloting comes, and then march up to the polls, single file, with the slow and solemn tread of the chief mourners at a social and class funeral, or will we stay at home and vote the hired politicians. Our voting as well as the selection of candidates for the different offices? If any of you have had time these long winter days, to think of the matter at all and have formed any plans or have anything to offer in regard to this, which should be to all an important matter, let us hear from you through the columns of the press, for I cannot believe that our local press is so subsidized as to refuse to permit us the use of its columns for the welfare of all citizens alike. Who will be the first to reply? B. S. What have you to say?
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